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In re the Application of:                      Group Art Unit: 1732  
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Serial No.: 09/764,105  
Filed: January 19, 2001  
For: METHOD FOR MAKING WINDOW PANEL UNITS  
      HAVING IN-SITU EXTRUDED FRAMES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 9, 2003, Applicants elects, with traverse, the claims directed to a fixed extrusion port. Claims 20-22 and 34-36 are directed to the elected species.

Claims 8, 12-19, 23, 28-33 and 37 are identified in the Restriction Requirement as being generic.

Applicants traverse this restriction on the grounds that claims 9-11 and 24-27 should also be found to be generic. Note that claim 9 recites "continuously moving the extrusion port relative to the panel;" claim 24 is a corresponding claim directed to moving the molding die relative to the panel. The terminology "relative to" in both of these claims indicates relative movement, such that either the extrusion port or the panel may be moved, as long as there is movement relative to one another. This relative movement concept is clearly disclosed in [0097] of the specification in which it is

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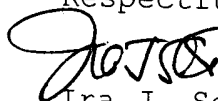
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stated:

"[0097] Further, although the window glass 3 retained by the panel retaining means 60 is moved relative to the fixed die means 11 by the panel moving means 24 in the above preferred embodiment, the die means 11 may be connected to any moving means (not shown), and the panel retaining means 60 may be fixed, so that the die means 11 can be moved relative to the window glass 3 retained by the panel retaining means 60."

Since claims 9-11 and 24-27 recite relative movement not limited to movement of the extrusion port, Applicants submit that these claims are also generic.

Respectfully submitted,



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